

The HUB

The Official Newsletter of American Fork City



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PARC PROGRAM 5 YEAR UPDATE

What is the PARC Tax in American Fork?

The PARC tax is a resident-approved sales tax initiative in American Fork City to further enhance the quality of life for our residents. Through the PARC tax, one tenth of one percent (0.1%) of the City's sales tax goes back into the community to fund parks, arts, recreation, and culture (P.A.R.C). That means for every \$100 dollars spent at a business in American Fork, The City collects \$.10 in tax.

Since 2015 American Fork City has been able to invest over \$6.4 million in PARC funds back into the community. The PARC tax will last until 2023 unless residents decide to renew the program through a public ballot.

How are PARC Funds Awarded?

PARC funds are a precious and vital resource and are not given out frivolously.

The PARC Tax renewal will be
PROPOSITION 5
on this year's election ballot.

Groups must apply for funding and meet certain criteria, including how the money will benefit American Fork residents. Applicants are reviewed by an advisory board and the AF City Council before the money is awarded.

As of 2021, the PARC tax program has funded 125 projects and programs throughout American Fork City.

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Office Numbers

Administration	801-763-3000
Public Works.....	801-763-3060
Library	801-763-3070
Fitness Center.....	801-763-3080
Senior Center	801-763-3090

Non-Emergency

Police	801-763-3020
Fire & Rescue.....	801-763-3045

On-Call / After-Hour

Water/Pressurized	801-404-1253
Sewer/Storm Drain	801-404-7167
Streets	801-404-1255
Garbage	801-924-8500
Street Lights	801-814-4311



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Talk Shop With a Cop



Take Time for the Important Parts of Life

Our community has experienced several incidents lately where children have passed away from accident and/or natural causes. These cases are always heartbreaking and leave a long-lasting impact on those involved. As police officers, we are called to investigate these incidents on a regular, almost daily basis. While it can become a routine part of the job, it still can take a toll. Accidents or cases involving criminal activity that result in a death can change the lives of many people. This can include the victim, the victim's family, and even the suspect who has committed the offense.

Life gets busy and it can cause us to get caught up in the day-to-day events and lose sight of what is really important. Accidents can happen in a fraction of a second, but they can cause lifelong change. Take the time to enjoy the important parts of life and those aspects that have lasting value. As you interact with family, coworkers, or even people you just encounter in passing, consider how your interaction impacts your life. Try to see the individual as having their own challenges and struggles which are usually hidden below the surface. Taking a moment to see the situation around you can make a lasting difference in the life of you and those with whom you come in contact. If you are frustrated with a situation or person, remember to take a few moments to see people as people with their own struggles, needs, and challenges.

You are encouraged to contact the police department if you have any questions or need help with an incident involving criminal activity or abuse. Emails may be sent to policetalkshop@americanfork.gov or alunt@americanfork.gov. Depending on the number and type of questions received, you may be answered via the City newsletter, email, or phone call.

AF HISTORY: BUSINESSES



Photos and History information from the Collections of the American Fork Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum.

Pioneers settling in the American Fork area in 1850 were very self-sufficient. They had to provide for all their needs with what they already had or could make. Farming and livestock ranching, as well as bartering and exchanging goods were all part of their daily living. In the first 30 years, the town grew in population. The citizens wanted to enhance their great town so they could be economically and socially more advanced. As a result, many businesses started up during this time frame.

Anderson and Sons Mortuary went into business during this period and is still in business in 2021. The founder was Emil Anderson, a Danish immigrant carpenter who settled in American Fork in 1866. Soon after his arrival, he chose to also do the undertaking business. Carpenters in that era made caskets too, so this was a natural extension of his skills. Emil's business is the only business that was started during this 30-year period that still exists today.

Several businesses survived for over 60 years through all the changes in American Fork City. The Grant Music Emporium was started in the late 1860's. They sold pianos, band instruments and novelties. The American Fork Co-Operative Association/Institution started in 1869 and was eventually sold by shareholders in 1930. The Chipman Mercantile Co started in 1872 on Merchant Street and celebrated its centennial seven years before closing in 1979.

Other businesses that started in American Fork were located on Merchant Street:

Alfred Dunkley, General Merchandise
Shelley and Thornton, General Merchandise
William Higley, Watches and Jewelry
Roberts Brothers Drugs
Alex Millar, Millar House

Businesses that were located on 100 North:

Dunn and Peters, General Merchandise
Herbert Bate, Groceries, confectionery, and refreshments
The Thomas Steele Drug Company
Robert Keppernick Hotel

Other businesses started in American Fork:

Marx and McKenzie store
Richard Steele, Small Glass and Crockery store
John Hindley, General Merchandise
Ellen D. Clarke and Charlotte Oldfield, Millinery shops
Joseph Elsmore, Ice Cream and Refreshments Resort
The Thomas Steele Drug Company
Blacksmith shop
Molasses and Syrup Mills
Adobe Brick Making
Lumber Mills
Silk Industry
Grist Mills

American Fork really did become the "Hub" of industry for itself and the smaller communities that were around it. Our city has a great legacy of hard work and productiveness that carries into the present day.

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Past Recipients Include:

- American Fork City Parks
- Harrington Center for the Arts
- Timpanogos Arts Foundation
- Wasatch Contemporary Dance Co.
- New Friends Quilting Circle
- Alpine Community Theater
- Daughters of Utah Pioneers
- Timpanogos Symphony Orchestra
- Fox Hollow Golf Course
- Wasatch Music Alliance
- Friends of Library

PARC Projects in Our Community

PARC funded projects have taken place all over American Fork. PARC funds have added hundreds of benches, tables, trash cans, and trees in parks throughout AF. Playgrounds, bathrooms, parking lots, pickleball courts, and shade structures at our pool have been installed. With PARC funds we were able to add Meadowview Park, complete Art Dye Park, and provide residents with our first ever dog park, Easton Dog Park. Additionally, funds have gone toward art exhibits, statues, and numerous cultural performances. People have enjoyed plays, bands, choirs, concerts, and pageants from youth and adults, all funded in part by the PARC tax.

60% of all funds have gone toward parks and recreational activities while 40% have gone toward art and cultural events.



\$6,472,503

Have Been Invested Back Into American Fork To-Date



HUNDREDS OF CULTURAL PERFORMANCES



NEW PARKS AND PARK EQUIPMENT



IMPROVED THE FITNESS CENTER



NEW DOG PARKS

AF Library Open House

The American Fork Library will be holding an Open House on Monday, September 13 from 6:30-8:00 pm. This year's theme is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Families and individuals are invited to come participate in activities, see what has changed over the last year, and speak with staff, Library Board members, and Friends of the Library. We had several huge projects in the past 18 months, and we are looking forward to showing them off!



American Fork City General Elections

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. As no more than double the number of candidates filed per seat, there will not be a Primary Election as per State Code 20A-9-404(4)(c)(i) and the candidates are considered to be nominated for the General Election.

For more information, please visit americanfork.gov/elections

Sewer Lateral Notice to Homeowners

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS: State law requires that cities notify homeowners about the public vs. private ownership of water and sewer lines.

All sewer and water laterals were initially installed by the subdivision developer or the property owners within the City's boundaries. The term "sewer lateral" is defined as follows:

That portion of any sewer and all parts thereof beginning at the plumbing outlet of any building or facility and running to the City's main sewer, including the connection to the City's main sewer. The term "water lateral" has a similar definition.

Property owners are responsible for sewer laterals from their home to the sewer main and responsible for water lines from their

home to the water meter. In both these cases the maintenance, repair, and replacement of any sewer or water lateral is the sole responsibility of the property owner as they are not part of the city's system.

Please read the City's Municipal Code 15.15 about Development and Construction Standards to read more about sewer and water lateral guidelines.



AMERICAN FORK FITNESS & RECREATION

Youth Basketball Registration

Online Registration is Open
Deadline: November 11
3rd-8th Season: Jan 8 – March 12
9th-12th Season: Nov 29 – March 5

Ski/Snowboard Night Lesson

Registration will open October 1st
Held on 4 Saturdays in January for Night
Lessons & Open Ski

For more information, please visit
americanfork.gov/recreation

AF 911 National Day of Service, 20th Anniversary

On Saturday, September 11th, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m., we invite the American Fork community to come together in a united cause. This event is broadly incorporating members of the entire community, coordinated by interfaith, charitable and civic leaders. Community members will unite in service projects within zones that will take place in the American Fork area. Details about these service projects have been distributed and will be announced by interfaith leaders, and details are found on the website at:
www.justserve.org/americanforknationaldayofservice2021

Please Join us in honoring the victims and those who sacrificed by keeping alive the spirit of unity and service that arose in the immediate aftermath of the September 11 attacks.



CHRISTYKANE^{PsyD}

Join Dr. Kane, PhD, CMHC,
& mental health professionals for a

WELLNESS & MENTAL HEALTH TOWN HALL

hosted by Dr. Kane & American Fork City,
& Miss American Fork!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

7:00pm - 8:00pm

American Fork Historic City Hall

Mental health concerns are common.

Up to 1 in 4 people have experienced mental illness.

Topics will include supporting children with anxiety and depression, addressing mental health needs related to COVID-19, and resources for families

Question & Answer Session

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